

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to manage documentation, comprising:
assigning at least one book of a plurality of books to each of a plurality of writers as an owner of the at least one book by a user on a system to manage documentation, wherein each of the plurality of books includes documentation for a software product;
assigning a predetermined number of line items to ~~a single~~ each writer by [a] the user on [a] the system to manage documentation to prevent the owner of each book from having to review all of the line items to determine which line items affect the owner's at least one book, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in [a] the software product;
reviewing and investigating each assigned line item; and
performing any changes related to each assigned line item across all affected books ~~associated with the software product~~ by the writer assigned the line item.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising electronically accessing each affected book to perform any changes.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each change is performed across all affected books regardless of book ownership.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
preparing a document including a description of each change for each book; and
storing the document in a selected location in a memory.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the associated book.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking line items and changes related to the line items.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to each line item.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to all assigned line items.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising reviewing any changes related to each line item across all books.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising closing each line item in response to review and approval of all changes related to the line item.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising performing a whole book inspection in response to closing all line items associated with the book.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising correcting any structural, retrieval or usability problems associated with each book.

13. Canceled

14. (Currently Amended) A method to manage documentation in software development, comprising:

assigning at least one book of a plurality of books to each of a plurality of writers as an owner of the at least one book by a user on a system to manage documentation, wherein each of the plurality of books includes documentation for a software product;

assigning a predetermined number of line items to a ~~single~~ each writer by [a] the user on [a] the system to manage documentation to prevent the owner of each book from having to review all of the line items to determine which line items affect the owner's at least one book, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in [a] the software product;

reviewing and investigating each assigned line item;

performing any changes related to each assigned line item across all affected books associated with the software product;

reviewing any changes for each line item across all books; and

closing each line item in response to review and approval of all changes related to the line item across all books.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein each change is performed across all affected books regardless of book ownership.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

preparing a document including a description of each change for each book; and
storing the document in a selected memory location.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to each line item.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising reviewing any changes related to each line item across all books.

20. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising performing a whole book inspection on each book in response to closing all line items associated with the book.

21. (Currently Amended) A system to manage documentation, comprising:
a processor to track each line item of a plurality of line items, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in a software product and wherein a predetermined number of line items are assigned to each writer of a plurality of writers; and
a system memory associated with the processor to store ~~at least one book~~ a plurality of books, wherein each of the plurality of books includes documentation for the software product, ~~the at least one book~~ each of the plurality of books being accessible to perform any changes related to each line item effecting ~~the at least one book associated with the software product~~ any of the plurality of books;
a module to assign at least one book of the plurality of books to each of the plurality of writers as an owner of the at least one book by a user on the system to manage documentation; and
a module to assign the predetermined number of line items to each writer by the user of the system to manage documentation to prevent the owner of each book from having to review all of the line items to determine which line items affect the owner's at least one book.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising at least one input device to make changes related to any line items requiring such changes.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising a document formable to include a description of each change for each book.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the document is stored in a selected memory location in the system memory.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, further comprising a pointer formable for association with the description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

26. (Currently Amended) A system to manage documentation, comprising:
means for assigning at least one book of a plurality of books to each of a plurality of writers as an owner of the at least one book by a user on the system to manage documentation, wherein each of the plurality of books includes documentation for a software product;
means for assigning a predetermined number of line items associated with a release of [a] the software product to a single each writer to prevent the owner of each book from having to review all of the line items to determine which line items affect the owner's at least one book;
a system memory to store line item assignments and book assignments;
~~at least one book storable on the system memory;~~ and
means for accessing and performing any changes related to each line item across all affected books associated with the software product.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for preparing a document including a description of each change for each book.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the document is storable in a selected memory location in the system memory.

29. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising means for creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

30. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for sending a notice in response to completion of any changes.

31. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for closing each line

item in response to review and approval of all changes related to the line item.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:

assigning at least one book of a plurality of books to each of a plurality of writers as an owner of the at least one book, wherein each of the plurality of books includes documentation for a software product;

assigning a predetermined number of line items to each writer to prevent the owner of each book from having to review all of the line items to determine which line items affect the owner's at least one book, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in the software product;

~~tracking each line item corresponding to a change in a software product; and~~
facilitating any changes related to each line item across any affected books associated with the software product.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 32, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to each line item.

34. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 32, further comprising providing means for preparing a description of each change.

35. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 34, further comprising providing means for creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

36. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 32, further comprising closing each line item in response to

review and approval of all change related to the line item.